

Formal Public Records Request (Missouri Sunshine Law) - Flock ALPR

From Midwest Transparency Audit <mwtransparency.audit@proton.me>
To mayorhilbrenner@batescity.net
CC aldermanbrown@batescity.net, alderwomanhilbrenner@batescity.net
Date Thursday, July 23rd, 2026 at 8:42 PM

Dear Mayor, Aldermen Brown and Alderwoman Hilbrenner,

Pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law, Chapter 610, RSMo, Midwest Transparency Audit, LLC is formally requesting access to and copies of the following public records pertaining to the City of Bates City and/or the local police department's use of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems, specifically regarding Flock Group Inc. (dba Flock Safety):

1. **Contracts and Financials:** Any and all current or past contracts, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), service agreements, financial invoices, or subscription agreements between the City of Bates City / Bates City Police Department and Flock Group Inc.
2. **Data-Sharing Inter-Agency Agreements:** Any documents, electronic agreements, or "Hotlist" sharing records detailing data access, query capabilities, or network integrations with external law enforcement agencies (including neighboring county sheriffs or state/federal agencies) via the Flock Safety Cloud platform.
3. **Private Deployment Access Agreements:** Any records of agreement or standard operating frameworks detailing the Department's access to private Flock Safety cameras deployed by local businesses, commercial properties, or homeowners associations (HOAs).
4. **Internal Usage Policies:** All internal department policies, data-retention schedules, training materials, standard operating procedures (SOPs), and user auditing mandates governing how officers use Flock Safety tools or automated license plate readers.

As elected officials representing the City of Bates City, I am submitting this request to you to be routed to the official Custodian of Records for processing.

As these are standardized administrative records, I am formally requesting that all responsive documents be produced electronically and delivered via email to this address to minimize processing and copying expenses. Pursuant to the Missouri Supreme Court's ruling in *Gross v. Parson*, the City is strictly prohibited from charging requesters for internal attorney review or redaction time. If chargeable clerical search or duplication fees are projected to exceed \$25.00, please provide a binding, itemized cost estimate before processing the records.

Per § 610.023.3, RSMo, the City is required to act upon this request as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the third business day following the date this request is received. If my request is denied in whole or in part, I request that you justify all deletions or denials by reference to specific exemptions of the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Thank you for your time and assistance in ensuring transparency.

Sincerely,

Managing Member

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